

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer system capable of communicating with an input device having a memory, the computer system comprising:
a processor;
a memory operably coupled to the processor, and
a computer program stored in a memory associated with the processor, comprising:
a set of instructions configured to provide a first decision, wherein the first decision permits data stored in the memory of the input device to be transmitted to the memory of the computer system; and
a set of instructions configured to provide a second decision, wherein the second decision permits synchronization of data between the memory of a computer system and a memory of the input device.
2. The computer system of claim 1, further comprising:
a casing housing the processor and memory and defining a recess, the recess configured to receive the input device.
3. The computer system of claim 1, further comprising:
a docking station in a housing of the computer system, the docking station defining a recess, the recess configured to receive the input device.
4. A computer program product, comprising:
a set of instructions configured to provide a first decision, wherein the first decision permits data entered into an input device to be transmitted to a memory of a computer system if a first security condition is satisfied; and
a set of instructions configured to provide a second decision, wherein the second decision permits synchronization of data between the memory of a computer system and a memory of the input device if a second security condition is satisfied.

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1 5. The computer program product of claim 4, further comprising:
2 a set of instructions configured to display a message if the first decision is not
3 satisfied.

1 6. The computer program product of claim 4, further comprising:
2 a set of instructions configured to display to a user a message if the second
3 decision is not satisfied.

1 7. The computer program product of claim 4, further comprising:
2 a set of instructions configured to synchronize data stored in the memory of
3 the computer system with data stored in the memory of the input
4 device.

1 8. The computer program product of claim 4, further comprising:
2 a set of instructions configured to display a message if a user attempts to
3 disconnect the input device from the computer system without
4 satisfying a predetermined condition.

1 9. A method of operating a computer system with an associated input
2 device, comprising;
3 connecting the input device to the computer system by inserting a housing of
4 the input device in a housing of the computer system;
5 storing a first password and a second password into a memory of the computer
6 system; and
7 storing data from the computer system into the memory of an input device.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the input device is a personal digital
2 assistant.

1 11. The method of operating a computer system of claim 9, wherein
2 inserting the input device into the computer system housing operably couples the
3 memory of the computer system to the memory of the input device.

12. The method claim 11, further comprising:
initiating synchronization of data stored in the memory of the computer
system and data stored in the memory of the input device.

13. The method of claim 9, wherein the input device further comprises a
touch screen.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:
entering a command onto the touch screen of the input device, wherein the
command is communicated from the touch screen of the input device
to the computer system.

15. A system for entering data into a computer system, comprising:
means to input data into the computer system,
means to process data entered into the computer system;
means to store data entered into the computer system, the means to store data
operably coupled to the means to process data; and
means to operably couple the means of storing data to a means of storing data
in an input device when the input device is inserted into the computer
system.

16. A system for entering data into the computer system of claim 15,
further comprising:
means to store digital audio signals.

17. A system for entering data into the computer system of claim 15,
further comprising:
means to receive an amplitude modulated radio signal.

18. A system for entering data into the computer system of claim 15,
further comprising:
means to receive an frequency modulated radio signal.

1 19. A system for entering data into the computer system of claim 15,
2 further comprising:
3 means to enter data into the input device by depressing a display surface, the
4 display surface operably coupled to the input device.

1 20. A system for entering data into the computer system of claim 15,
2 further comprising:
3 means to synchronize data entered into the input device with data
4 entered in the computer system; and
5 means to prevent an unauthorized synchronization of data entered into
6 the input device with data stored in the memory of the
7 computer system.

1 21. An input device, comprising:
2 a processor;
3 a memory operably coupled to the processor; and
4 a casing, the casing housing the processor and the memory, the external
5 surface of the casing of the input device configured to be inserted into
6 a recess defined in a computer system casing.

1 22. The device of claim 21, further comprising:
2 a computer program stored in the memory, comprising:
3 a set of instructions configured to provide a first decision, wherein the
4 first decision permits data entered into a the input device to be
5 transmitted the memory of the computer system; and
6 a set of instructions configured to provide a second decision, wherein
7 the second decision permits synchronization of data between
8 the memory of a computer system and a memory of the input
9 device.

1 23. The input device of claim 22, wherein the input device further
2 comprises:
3 an amplitude modulated radio receiver.

24. The input device of claim 21, wherein the input device further comprises:
a frequency modulated radio receiver.

25. The input device of claim 21, wherein the input device further comprises:
a digital pager.

26. The input device of claim 21, wherein the input device further comprises:
a touch screen.

27. The input device of claim 21, wherein the input device further comprises:
a point stick.

28. The input device as recited in claim 21, wherein the input device is a personal digital assistant.

29. The input device of claim 21, wherein the memory of the input device is operably configured to store data in an audio format.

30. The input device of claim 21, wherein inserting the input device into the recess of the computer system operably couples the memory of the computer system to the memory of the input device.

31. The input device of claim 21, wherein the input device receives data from the computer system over the Internet.

32. The device for a computer system as recited in claim 21, wherein the device receives data from the computer system over a wireless network.

33. A system for synchronizing data, comprising:
a first means to process data;
a first means to store data, the first means to store data operably coupled to the
first means to process data;
a second means to process data;
a second means to store data, the second means to store data operably coupled
to the second means to process data; and
a means to operably couple the memory of the computer system to a memory
of the input device when the input device is inserted into the computer
system.

34. The system of claim 33, further comprising:
means to store a first password;
means to store a second password; and
means to compare the first password to the second password and permit
synchronization of data if the first password and the second password
match.

35. The system of claim 33, further comprising:
means to synchronize data stored in the computer system with data stored in
the input device.

36. The system of claim 33, further comprising:
means to receive data from the input device over the Internet.

37. The system of claim 33, further comprising:
means to receive data from the input device over a wireless network.